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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **U.S. Nurses Encouraged to Contribute to National Workforce Research**

Chicago – Approximately 260,000 nurses in the U.S. will receive a survey from National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN®) and The National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers in the month of July. All nurses who receive the survey are strongly encouraged to respond as quickly and completely as possible to enable NCSBN and The National Forum to construct an accurate description of the current nursing workforce.

The 2015 survey targets both registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical/vocational nurses (LPN/VNs). Selected nurses were drawn as a nationally-representative sample of the more than 4.5 million RNs and LPN/VNs currently licensed in the U.S.

Nurses who receive the survey will be able to respond via return mail or a survey website. The aggregated responses will comprise the national nursing workforce dataset, which will be analyzed by NCSBN and The National Forum researchers. Results will be published in the April 2016 edition of the “Journal of Nursing Regulation.”

This study is the only national-level survey in the U.S. specifically focused on the nursing workforce. Survey respondents have a unique opportunity to contribute information that is critical to a comprehensive understanding of the supply of nurses in the country. Accurate data on the nursing workforce is vital to predicting potential shortages and assisting in the allocation of resources, program development and recruitment efforts in the health care and education sectors.

Results of the 2015 survey will be especially valuable in light of expanding demand for nursing services, including primary care for the millions of newly insured under the Affordable Care Act, the growing population of aging Americans, and the advance of technologies that provide virtual access to health care providers.

### **About NCSBN**

Founded March 15, 1978, as an independent not-for-profit organization, NCSBN was created to lessen the burdens of state governments and bring together boards of nursing (BONs) to act and counsel together on matters of common interest. NCSBN’s membership is comprised of the BONs in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and four U.S. territories — American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and the Virgin Islands. There are also 21 associate members that are either nursing regulatory bodies or empowered regulatory authorities from other countries or territories.

NCSBN Member Boards protect the public by ensuring that safe and competent nursing care is provided by licensed nurses. These BONs regulate more than 4.5 million licensed nurses.

Mission: NCSBN provides education, service and research through collaborative leadership to promote evidence-based regulatory excellence for patient safety and public protection.

### **About The National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers**

The National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers is a national group of nurse workforce entities that focus on addressing the nursing shortage within each state and contribute to the national effort to assure an adequate supply of



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qualified nurses to meet the health needs of the U.S. population. The National Forum supports the advancement of new as well as existing nurse workforce initiatives and shares best practices in nursing workforce research, workforce planning, workforce development, and formulation of workforce policy. The Forum shares information in three major ways: through publications, via annual conferences, and by way of a virtual network located at <http://NursingWorkforceCenters.org>.

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